

IN DANGER AT TENEMENT FIRE

HALF A DOZEN IN THE HOSPITAL AFTER A LIVELY BLAZE.

One Policeman Makes Some Nervous Remarks Before the Firemen Come—Fleeing Families Pinned in Little Yard—Some Odd Costumes on the Street.

They had a lively early morning fire in a five-story tenement at 592 Amsterdam avenue yesterday morning. While no lives were lost, it had sixteen families in all kinds of danger for a time. Four tenants were sent to the hospital with bad burns, two were overcome by smoke and were carried out unconscious, and Policeman Charles Kuhlmann had the narrowest escape of his life.

The tenement is a narrow one, with a central stairway and four families on each of the four floors. On the ground floor there is a bakery and restaurant. The bakery shop is in the basement. Behind the restaurant is a narrow hall where the tenants keep their baby carriages. Among these carriages the fire started.

It was seen at about half-past 2 by Henry Rusbach, a tenant. At that time it was burning fiercely on the stairs. He yelled to the bakers to clear out, and rushing to the street told Kuhlmann, who sent in the alarm.

The stairs burned like tinder. Spectators saw that it was hardly a minute before the fire had run clear to the top of the house. There the flames and smoke struck the skylight and mushroomed, filling all the upper floor with dense smoke.

There are fire escapes at the front and rear of the house. Seeing that the top floor tenants were going to have the hardest time getting out, Kuhlmann, without waiting for the firemen, rushed up the ladder for the top floors. On the fourth he found a woman trying to tie up a naked baby in a sheet.

"Down with you!" yelled Kuhlmann, and he snatched the baby away. He forced the woman to climb down before him, while he carried the baby in one hand by the scruff of its neck. Dropping it into the hands of the crowd below, he scrambled up to the fourth floor, kicked in a front window and ran through all the rooms of a flat. He found a young girl, stupid with smoke, groping blindly through the front room.

Slinging her over his shoulder, he carried her down. The fire engines were clanging up the street by that time, and Kuhlmann, pretty nearly spent, was about to drop to the pavement, when he heard the crowd shouting and pointing.

"The Maloney!" he yelled. He swung out far enough to look up.

From the fifth floor a woman was leaning, screaming for help. The smoke was puffing out behind her. Kuhlmann went up again, and crawled into the window just as the firemen began to make connections. He was hardly inside, when the mushroom of smoke began to roll from the window. When they saw that the firemen scrambled after the policeman.

Fireman Joe Banks of Engine 78 was first through the window. He stumbled over Kuhlmann lying unconscious in the hall, carried him out, and passed him down the ladder to safety. He was revived.

At the time, the Maloney family and their mother, Mrs. Maloney, were trying to get to the roof. They were just under the skylight when it fell in on their heads. The firemen, by good luck, were just behind them, heard their cries, and passed them to the fire escape alive, but pretty badly burned. Two streams, one from above and one from below, were got on the flames, and the fire was confined to the stairway.

In the meantime the tenants of the rear flats were having a time of their own. On the second floor, near Mrs. Sucher, the housekeeper, with her son John, and August Rodeck, a widower with two children.

Rodeck was awakened by yells from outside, and ran out to find the stairway burning and escape from that quarter shut off. Taking a child in each arm, he ran to the third floor, woke all the tenants there, got back through the smoke to his own apartment, woke the Suchers, closed a door which shuts the hall between their apartments from the main hall, and drenched it with a dozen pails of water.

The last stage of the rear fire escape is a ladder about twelve feet long, which is kept detached so that belated tenants won't use it for a night stair. Last week the janitor hung it thirty feet up on a telegraph pole in the back yard, so as to keep it out of harm's way.

Young Sucher and Rodeck scrambled down, made the twelve-foot drop to the asphalted back yard without hurting themselves much, shinned up the pole, and dropped the iron ladder down. They looked it on to the escape and helped down the women and babies. The smoke was not so dense in the rear.

Nevertheless, when they all got down, thirty or forty of them, they found themselves penned up in a little back yard surrounded by a ten-foot fence, with the gate locked. Smoke from the ground floor filled this area. The firemen did not see this danger. They were busy going through the upper floors. Young Sucher found a big tin of kerosene, started it, and set the fence on fire. The firemen did not see this danger. They were busy going through the upper floors. Young Sucher found a big tin of kerosene, started it, and set the fence on fire. The firemen did not see this danger. They were busy going through the upper floors.

When they got outside and looked themselves over, there were some great effects in clothes. One man was dressed simply in a night shirt and a pair of rubber boots. His wife wore a long cloak over the auto-coat. Five of the children were in their natural skins. One man had on the trousers of a pair of pajamas and a derby hat, which he had put on by instinct when he started out of doors. The neighbors lent them clothes.

The injured are Michael Maloney, aged 36; Katherine Maloney, 35; John Maloney, 2; Rudolph Novelli, 26—all burned. Arthur Novelli, aged 21, and Phil Osterman, 30, were overcome by smoke. They are at the J. Hood Wright Hospital. All will probably recover, but the Maloney and Novelli may have disfiguring scars on the face and head.

While Policeman Kuhlmann was lying on the pavement, with the ambulance surgeons working to bring him round, some one stole his revolver.

Diamond Match Co. Declared to Have Violated Trust Laws.

OKLAHOMA, Jan. 1.—Federal Judge Hainer yesterday held the Diamond Match Company for violating the trust laws of Oklahoma and therefore having no legal standing in local courts. The decision was rendered in the case of the failed Guthrie wholesale company. It came out in the evidence that the match company regulated the price to middlemen and retailers.

KILLED WITH BABE IN ARMS.

Bullet Fired by New Year Celebrators Hits Young Mrs. Presching.

Somebody who was celebrating the arrival of the new year by firing a revolver shot and killed Mrs. Theresa Presching, 24 years old, as she sat in her home on the first floor of 316 Jefferson street, Hoboken, nursing her nine-month-old baby. The woman who worked on the case all day yesterday said last night they expected to make an arrest.

Mrs. Presching and her husband Frederick, who is employed as a glass beveler in the National Casket Company factory, invited a dozen friends and relatives to help them see the old year out and the new year in.

They entertained their guests with an old country punch and some were drinking when the shot was fired. The young wife sat in a chair ten feet from the window with the child on her bosom. Whistles were screaming and her house was getting a noisy welcome. While the din was at its height a bullet crashed through the window and struck Mrs. Presching in the right temple. Her husband and sister ran to the chair and found her insensible. She was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, but she was dead when she got there.

Detectives Weintal and Fox are positive that the person responsible for the young mother's death fired the shot from the rear window of a house in Madison street. The bullet traveled 125 feet across the back yards. Mrs. Steger, who lives on the second floor of 316 Jefferson street, told the detectives that she went to her rear window to take her New Year's chicken off the fire and saw men shooting from rear windows of the houses at 317 and 319 Madison street. She heard at least four reports and was so frightened by the indiscriminate shooting that she ducked in a head.

The detectives picked up a 44-calibre bullet in the rear of 316 Jefferson street. It had struck the wire netting in a first floor window, fractured the glass and dropped on the ground. It is believed that the bullet which killed Mrs. Presching was of the same caliber. The woman had been married a year and a half.

HERE IS TREE TELEGRAPHY.

Major Squier of the Army Finds a New Method of Wireless Communication.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—After months of careful experiment Major George O. Squier of the United States Signal Corps has discovered that trees may be used to catch wireless telegraph messages and to convey them to an observer standing on the ground. He has found that trees may serve the purpose of Marconi's metal feelers or antennae as they are called, and that tree trunks, while serving as masts or towers, also serve as wires to bring electric or magnetic currents to earth.

The healthier the tree the better it serves as a conductor. For highly oscillating currents the leaves of trees or of plants behave precisely as if they were made of metal and they will transmit these oscillations from the ground surrounding them through their trunks. At Fort Moncrie, Squier attached his telegraphic apparatus to trees and communicated with the wireless station on Alcatraz Island, about two miles distant. He also communicated in this way between Goat and Alcatraz islands, a distance of three miles and a half.

Major Squier claims great advantages for his system of tree telegraphy in army field operations. He experimented across the bay to determine to what extent electromagnetic oscillations of low frequency are absorbed by vegetation. He used the long distance transmission line of the California Gas and Electric Company, bringing the electric power from Yuba county, clear across the State.

Two nails were driven into a tree and a telegraph wire was placed in connection between them. The result being that the current flowing through the tree trunk was indicated with great clearness in the telephone. If plants are massed close together a heavy discharge will take place between the nearest leaves.

Major Squier found the vegetation was stimulated by a moderate amount of electricity and killed by heavy shocks, the same as animals.

CORNER IN ARMOR PLATE?

Belief in Pittsburgh That the Midvale Company Has Been Let In.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 1.—In local circles and steel circles, where the closest of touch is kept on the armor plate situation, it is said to-day that Charles M. Schwab has once more made a master move in cementing friendship among the different armor plate makers.

There have been rumors for some time that Mr. Schwab has been called on by the Midvale Iron Company of Philadelphia, a concern which has been making armor plate for the Navy and the Army. The rumors are that a general understanding has been reached whereby the Philadelphia concern will act as a big contractor for the Carnegie Steel Company and the Bethlehem Steel Company.

These three concerns are the only ones now making armor plate. If the agreement has been reached, as reported, it means an important corner in armor plate. This would not be the first corner, as for years the Carnegie and the Bethlehem people have controlled the output, but it simply lets into the circle a third party, making the agreement three sided instead of two sided.

Rumors about the late test of Midvale armor at Indian Head first started the iron people at Pittsburgh. It is not believed that the Midvale people used the Carnegie's patent in making the plate for test, as Carnegie and the Bethlehem people have controlled the output, but it simply lets into the circle a third party, making the agreement three sided instead of two sided.

How did the Midvale people secure the right to use this? By no other way was such a thing possible. It is said, however, that Carnegie, now controlling the armor output let them in on the Krupp process. This being the case it is assumed that in return Carnegie will receive a share of the profits as furnished to the Government.

REIMPORTED WHEAT.

The Country That Grew It Needs It More Than the Dutch Do.

The Phoenix Line freighter British Princess, which arrived yesterday from Antwerp, brought 1,100 tons of American wheat, recently purchased by McLaren & Muir. It is the largest part of 40,000 bushels that have been stored in Antwerp since their shipment from the Pacific Coast some time ago. The importation is the first on record due to market conditions and not a corner. It will be used for milling purposes. As it can be "identified" as American wheat it will be admitted free of duty.

CHADWICK GREETED HIS WIFE.

TELLS HER HE HAS NOT LOST CONFIDENCE IN HER.

Meets Her in the Jail Corridor After His Release on Bail Had Been Arranged—Greeting Is Cordial—Wife Tells Him Not to Believe All He Has Heard.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 1.—With the Sheriff and his deputies as witnesses, Dr. Le Roy Chadwick this morning met his wife, Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, in the county jail for the first time since her financial transactions brought her before the public eye. Both under indictment, the one occupying the cell in the women's department and the other in charge of the officers of the law, the physician's homecoming was far different from the leaving-taking when he started for Europe two months or so ago.

Dr. Chadwick bore up remarkably well, but showed in his nervous movements and in the shuffling of his feet while he was talking the mental strain which was upon him. There was no effusiveness in his greeting to his wife, but to his being glad to see her there could be no doubt.

Dr. Chadwick, under arrest, and Sheriff Barry arrived at the Union Station at 7:14 o'clock this morning. When the train stopped the doctor eagerly peered out of the window to see if a crowd had gathered to greet him. He had evidently read the reports of the reception which had greeted his wife upon her arrival in Cleveland and was apprehensive of what might be awaiting him. The hour was early, however, and only the employees of the railroad were on the platform. He stepped on the platform with a smile.

A carriage was secured at the door and the doctor, Sheriff Barry and Attorney Kenish drove to the county jail. The doctor was carrying with him on the trip two suit cases and in his hand he had an umbrella. At several places in the drive from the station to the jail numerous attempts were made to take pictures of him, but he frustrated these by putting the umbrella up to his face. Almost invariably after every attempt he turned to the photographer with a smile and said:

"Send me the picture of the umbrella, please."

The jail was reached at 7:30 o'clock. Attorney J. P. Dawley was waiting Dr. Chadwick there and he signed the bond for \$10,000 for himself and Attorney Virgil Kline, the latter the counsel for the Standard Oil Company and a close friend of Dr. Chadwick.

As soon as this formality had been accomplished Sheriff Barry told Dr. Chadwick that he was free, and he requested that he be allowed to make a visit to his wife. No objection to this was made, and, accompanied by the Sheriff and Mr. Dawley, he entered the jail proper.

When the doctor first saw his wife, who was awaiting him in the corridor, he seemed overcome with joy. He hesitated a moment and then rushed to her side. They embraced each other and then found that the doctor's doctor eagerly clasped his wife's hands he asked after the condition of her health, to which she responded that she was feeling very well.

"It seems so fine to see you once more," said the doctor. "I have been anxious about you ever since I read the accounts."

"You must not believe one word," replied Mrs. Chadwick. "The reports which have been published are entirely false. I am so sorry that you have been misled by them."

The doctor assured her that he felt at all times that they could not be true and that he had the utmost confidence in her in spite of all that he had read. He told her of the plans which he had perfected for his daughter, Mary Chadwick. The matter of Mrs. Chadwick's bail was discussed, but no plans were decided upon, as those which are at present being followed.

The conversation ended at 9 A. M., and after embracing his wife Dr. Chadwick left her and went to the Sheriff's office. His stepson, Emil Hoover, had arrived at the jail by this time and was waiting to see the doctor. Dr. Chadwick came downstairs with a smile, and when he saw Emil the smile gave place to a laugh. The two arose as he saw the doctor and they shook hands.

"Well, boy, how are you?" said Dr. Chadwick, and the greeting was that of one close friend to another. They left the jail with the doctor's left arm over the boy's shoulders.

When asked about his trip the doctor said:

"We had a fine trip. Left New York and came straight through. I was anxious to get home and see Mrs. Chadwick. She has told me before that what I may have read in the papers was not true and I have said that I believe her statement to be true. But, of course, I had not seen her for some time and there were other reasons behind it. It seems good to get back to Cleveland. And whether I knew."

"Hold on there," said Attorney Dawley, who was walking beside the doctor. The party were by this time outside of the jail and on their way to have breakfast.

"The doctor is making no statement," Mr. Dawley continued. "There will be plenty of time after a while for that. Don't you say a word, doctor."

Dr. Chadwick was in high spirits and took this admonition with another laugh. "Now you can see what you have got me into," said he. "Mum's the word after this. The only thing that will interest me will be something to eat." The doctor's face was wreathed in smiles as he walked from the jail and he talked with his son and the attorney excitedly.

COTTON WITHDRAWAL PLAN.

Project Mooted at the South Approved by Some Persons Here.

Interested persons, whose names are withheld, met in conference in the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday night to discuss the plan lately proposed in the South, for withdrawing part of the cotton crop from the market in order to get a price that will pay for production at least. The general opinion favored the plan, and a letter of approval was sent to W. P. Brown, the former cotton bull, together with a telegram to E. F. Wolcott, president of the Memphis Cotton Exchange. The telegram recommends that growers turn over 10 per cent of their production to trustees, the cotton so withdrawn to be held until the market will absorb it at some agreed rate, the trustees to issue certificates containing a stipulation that cotton to the amount of 1,000,000 bales shall be received before the plan becomes effective, and that this cotton shall not be sold this season.

Wheatmen, organized in the days of old-fashioned wealth, it is a winter wheat product, which means conditions and better—wheat.

FIRE DROVE THEM FROM BATH.

Six Naked Men Run a Dead Heat Across the Bowery.

Six men clothed only in their skins ran a dead heat across the Bowery at Broome street last night, much to the consternation of women and the surprise of other passers-by. The men came from the New York Turkish bath at the northeast corner of Broome street and the Bowery. They were headed for the Occidental Hotel directly opposite.

Fire drove the men out of the bath. It started in the first room and was not discovered until one of the attendants with a bath on the roof leading into the room. Then the flames burst out in the lounge room, and the bathers fled, followed by the attendant and the manager.

The bath was almost completely destroyed. It was one of the oldest Turkish baths in the city and in its day was one of the most popular. It was built by John A. Burtin on sanitation in 1877. Eastern later built many of the city's best modern baths, including the Windsor and the Produce Exchange bath.

The bathers lost their clothes. They were fitted out both inside and out at the hotel.

THREW GAS PIPE AT AUTO.

Missile Struck, but Did Not Hurt Mrs. Pike—Boys Arrested.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Goin and Miss Goin of 582 Fifth avenue, Mrs. Pike, the mother of Lawrence Pike of 80 West Fifty-second street, went in Mr. Pike's automobile yesterday afternoon for a ride in the Bronx. While they were returning down Seventh avenue at 19th street thirteen-year-old Henry Lipp and another boy, of 2704 Eighth avenue, threw a piece of gaspipe a foot long at the occupants of the automobile, striking Mrs. Pike on the left shoulder.

John Gorman, the driver of the automobile, chased the boys and caught the Lipp boy. He summoned Policeman Lloyd, who then took both to the West 123d street station, where the boy was held and sent to the Gerry society rooms. Mrs. Pike, who is over 70 years old, wore a heavy cloak and was not injured. There have been a number of complaints from automobile owners that a gang of boys on upper Seventh avenue have been throwing things at them.

MONTANA JUDGES QUIT.

Terms of Harney and Clancy End—Almost a Riot in Harney's Court.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 1.—The famed Judges, H. W. Harney and William Clancy, closed their careers on the District bench last night, their terms expiring. Harney almost precipitated a riot before adjourning. He has had under advisement many important matters for several years, including an order for \$11,500 as attorney's fees against the Davis estate, which is before the Supreme Court, and his action.

For some reason Harney refused to pass on it, and also refused to return the papers to Attorney Charles Mattison, who desired to obtain the signature of another Judge before the expiration of the term.

When Harney, after keeping lawyers and litigants waiting in his court from 10 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night, finally adjourned without doing anything at all, some of them lost control of their tempers. Attorney Mattison made a rush for Harney as he passed into his chamber. Sheriff Quinn and a deputy grabbed the attorney and searched him, but found no weapon. Harney was followed into his chamber and the Sheriff also searched him and found no gun.

It is announced to-night that Harney will confer with the new Judge, George E. Bosquin, to take his seat to-morrow morning, and will attempt to retain all himself.

TOWNE'S STOCK SELLING CO.

Charge in the Court That the Ex-Senator Headed an Insolvent Concern.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Ex-United States Senator Charles A. Towne of Minnesota was declared in the Circuit Court yesterday to have headed an insolvent company in a scheme for selling stock in the Doyle Air Burner Company of South Dakota.

The charge was made by James D. McManis and Peter Schmidt. The complainants in the suit asked that the term of trust by which the Royal Trust Company, in control of the unused stock in the Doyle company be extended two years. McManis and Schmidt say they have invested \$30,000 and \$40,000 respectively in the venture of the Doyle company.

The Towne company organized in New York, is alleged to have undertaken to sell the stock of the Doyle company in the spring of 1903. At the time the deal with Towne was made, it is asserted, Towne's company was entirely insolvent.

When the Doyle company was formed, it is alleged, a new plan of stock selling was devised by its seven directors. Each of the seven, it is alleged, took one share of the company's stock, par value \$10, the remainder of the \$10,000 stock being put in trust. Through recent tests, the complainants say, it is demonstrated that the company's patents are about to prove a success.

\$263,000 CARNEGIE GIFT.

Presented to the Maryland Institute to Construct a New Building.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—Andrew Carnegie today announced through ex-President Daniel C. Gilman of the Carnegie Institution in Washington the gift of \$263,000 to the Maryland Institute School of Art and Design. The gift, which is in amount equal to the present assets of the institute, is given to erect a building, the condition being that the city furnish the site. As the institute now has a site upon which the old building stood which was destroyed by the big fire, this condition is practically completed.

The Maryland Institute formerly had a library and various departments, but in recent years its field consisted largely of schools of art and sculpture. Many artists of prominence received their primary training here.

San Francisco Has Two Earthquake Shocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—San Francisco had Eastern April weather for its New Year's day and thousands took advantage of the sunshine and warm air to go to the ocean beach and various suburban resorts to spend the day. The day was enlivened by two severe earthquake shocks at 4 o'clock in the afternoon which swayed tall buildings and made the occupants of top stories unhappy for a few seconds.

DEPEW AND ODELL IN ALBANY.

OTHER REPUBLICANS THERE FOR INAUGURATION DAY.

The Senator Besieged on All Sides With Congratulations—The Usual Bustle About Odell When He Was a Power as Governor Was Noticeably Lacking.

ALBANY, Jan. 1.—United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew reached Albany shortly before 8 o'clock to-night, and went to the Hotel Ten Eyck. Assemblyman James K. Appagor of Westchester accompanied him. So did his son and Mr. Appagor dined alone. It was noticeable that the usual bustle about Gov. Odell was lacking.

The latter entered the Hotel Ten Eyck. Mr. Depew and his son and Mr. Appagor dined alone. It was noticeable that the usual bustle about Gov. Odell was lacking.

The lobbies of the Hotel Ten Eyck were fairly crowded with prominent politicians from all parts of the State, many of whom were here to attend Gov. Higgins' inauguration ceremonies to-morrow and others to be on hand when the Legislature convenes on Wednesday. In the throng were Francis Hendricks, Cuthbert W. Pound, who is Gov. Higgins' legal adviser; James R. Sheffield of New York city, Borough President Cromwell of Richmond, Lieut.-Gov. M. Linn Bruce, Attorney-General Mayer, Secretary of State O'Brien, Adj. Gen. Nelson N. Henry, Representatives John Dwight of Dryden and Smith of Ulster, Postmaster John A. Merritt of Lockport, and Washington, Collector Low of Suspension Bridge, State Committeeman I. V. Baker, Senator Raines, W. L. Brown, Wilcox, Carpenter, Gates, Saxe, Dreschler and Gardner, Assemblymen Wadsworth, Thompson, Hastings and Parker and Col. John T. Mott of Oswego.

One did not have to wait who desired to get Chairman Odell's ear to-night, which was in marked contrast to previous similar occasions. The absence of prominent "Tape-worms" was not commented upon, though undoubtedly it was responsible for the easy approach which could be had to former Gov. Odell as he moved about the hotel lobbies, talking with one and another of the prominent Republicans present.

Gov. Higgins spent part of his first day as Governor by attending morning services at All Saints' Episcopal Cathedral with Mrs. Higgins and the members of the Executive Mansion house party, who are being entertained over inauguration day by Gov. and Mrs. Higgins.

Senator Depew was besieged on all sides with congratulations upon his coming reelection. Between Gov. Higgins' public reception and the reception of the Governor and Mrs. Higgins at the Executive Mansion to-morrow afternoon, Senator Depew will hold a reception in the Ten Eyck ballroom to meet the members of the Legislature and State officers. To-morrow night Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes, Jr., will entertain Senator Depew at dinner at their home here. Mr. Depew expects to remain here until midnight Tuesday, and will not remain over to attend the dinner to be given the members of the State Senate on Wednesday night by Senator Stevens of Attica, Wyoming county. Timothy L. Woodruff is to give a dinner here Tuesday night in honor of Senator Depew.

Gov. Higgins did not see Senator Depew nor Mr. Odell to-night, nor did he come near the Hotel Ten Eyck. Mr. Odell will leave Albany after the inauguration. Although there was a happy feeling manifested by all sorts and conditions of Republicans from all sections over the solution of the United States Senatorship question and Mr. Depew was the recipient of many warm congratulations.

Both branches of the Legislature will organize just before noon on Wednesday upon practically the same lines as the organization of the last Legislature. There is no strife of moment and everything promises to be harmonious.

Senator Raines is drafting a bill to provide for a simple enumeration of the inhabitants of the State upon which to base a reapportionment of the Senate and Assembly districts. This work will be done by the Secretary of State in May and June next, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

Another bill Senator Raines is drafting is aimed at the Raines law hotels and will require them to get a certificate from the building, fire and health officers of cities to the effect that the hotels are constructed to meet the regulations of those departments.

ALL SERENE, SAYS PLATT.

But Kindly Don't Mention Brackett's Name—Odell Wise to Yield.

Senator Platt, who has been in town spending the holidays, said yesterday that he intended to go back to Washington to-morrow. Before the Legislature got down to business he would probably have talks with Senator Raines, Speaker Nixon, Lieut.-Gov. Bruce and some of his other friends about committee appointments. He did not know just when he would meet them. When asked if he thought there was a prospect of a fight with the organization as a result of the recent decision in the Senatorship matter Senator Platt said that he didn't.

"How about Senator Brackett's recent statement regarding Odell?" the Senator was asked.

"What do I care what that man says about Odell?" replied the Senator. "Governor Odell did a very wise thing in yielding as he did in the Senatorship matter. He couldn't have beaten Depew. He simply yielded to party sentiment, which I have found in my experience to be a very wise thing to do."

Asked if he expected any trouble in the coming session of the Legislature Senator Platt replied:

"I do not reason why it shouldn't be a very harmonious session. It would surprise me if there is any trouble."

When the newspaper interviewers were leaving him yesterday one of them wished him a happy New Year.

"I hope you will have many happy New Years after I'm dead," laughed the Senator with a chuckle. "But, say, don't you ever mention Brackett's name to me again."

The Chattanooga Has a Trial Run.

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 1.—The cruiser Chattanooga went outside to-day with the naval trial board for a sea run of four hours. She returned this afternoon to Newport. The conditions were most favorable for the run, there being little wind and practically a smooth sea. During this run the vessel maintained a speed of 16.63 knots, exceeding her contract speed of 16 knots. It is likely that the vessel will be sent here to-morrow for her endurance test, which will be finished at New York.

BLACK TO ODELL.

"Ben, There Will Soon Be Two Dead Ones, but I'm Going to See You Die First."

TROY, Jan. 1.—It has been impossible to see Mr. Black to-night. Close friends of his, however, affirmed the statement of Supt. Collins, that Black will not retire from politics. They added that while the ex-Governor had frequently talked of resigning his leadership of the Rensselaer county organization, but continuing to act in an advisory capacity, he could not do so now in the face of the setback in the United States Senatorship matter and would not do so.

Mr. Black and his friends are very sore on Odell. It is said that after Odell gave his ultimatum in favor of Senator Depew, Mr. Black approached the Governor-Chairman and said to him:

"Ben, there will be two dead politicians after New Year's day, but I am going to see you die first."

RUSSIAN MINISTER QUILTS.

Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky Only Recently Took Interior Portfolio.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A despatch to the Standard from St. Petersburg says it is reported with great positiveness there and in Moscow that the resignation of Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky as Minister of the Interior has been accepted by the Czar. It is expected that a reactionary will be appointed to succeed him, possibly Gen. Kleigala, at present Governor of Kiev, Podolia and Volhynia.

MRS. GEORGE GOULDS CURTAINS STOLEN.

Full Set Just Made for the House Stolen Somewhere.

It came out yesterday that Mrs. George J. Gould lost a valuable set of lace curtains since Christmas eve. There is no trace of the thief.

The Gould house at Sixty-seventh street and Fifth avenue was renovated in December. Mrs. Gould had ordered a set of lace curtains, of special design, to be made in France for every room in the house. The police say that Duveen & Co., who had the order, sent the goods to the house on the day before Christmas in a wagon in which were a driver and a clerk, and that the goods were stolen while the wagon stood in front of the house.

So it seems to have been reported to Mrs. Gould, who notified Inspector McCluskey by telephone. The curtains made a bulky package, which no one man could well have handled.

AFTER THE BEEF TRUST.

Montana Attorney-General Begins Action Under the State's Criminal Code.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 1.—Persisting in his crusade against the Beef Trust, Attorney-General Donovan has begun suits under the criminal code. This is the first time in the history of the United States that such actions have been brought under this code.

The suits are against Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Cudahy & Co., Hammond Packing Company of Chicago, and Hammond Packing Company of Pueblo, to prevent them doing business in Montana. The information charges the defendants with conspiracy in unlawfully combining.

SUICIDE IN SANITARIUM.

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